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SUBJECT: IEA: NORWEGIAN VIEWS OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING OF  
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1. AMBASSADOR RAVNE ADVISES THAT NORWEGIAN POSITION IS SOMEWHAT MORE CONDITIONAL THAN THAT CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL, BUT AGREES THAT STATEMENT IS GENERALLY ACCURATE. FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HAS REPORTED ON LONG-TERM PROGRAM TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT MUST BE STUDIED FURTHER BY INTERESTED MINISTRIES. FRYDENLUND PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRUSSELS ON FEBRUARY 11, AND LONG-TERM PROGRAM IS ON AGENDA FOR HIS TALKS. HE CONSIDERED IT DESIRABLE, THEREFORE, TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT OF STATUS OF PROGRAM.

2. RAVNE INDICATED THAT THERE IS GROWING UNCERTAINTY ABOUT LONG-TERM PROGRAM. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT NEW ZEALAND WAS NOW SEEKING CHANGES IN THE PROGRAM, AND UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT EVENTUAL COMPLETE BRITISH AND ITALIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROGRAM. HE BELIEVES THAT FINAL STATUS OF PROGRAM MAY NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL NEXT GB MEETING THIS SPRING.

3. RAVNE REITERATED NORWEGIAN DIFFICULTIES WITH ADHERING TO A PROGRAM WHICH IS STILL AMBIGUOUS AND WHICH HAS LITTLE IN IT FOR NORWAY, ESPECIALLY WHEN FULL MEMBERS OF IEA HAVE NOT ACCEDED TO IT. RAVNE SAYS THAT SAME POLITICAL FORCES WHICH MOBILIZED SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST NORWEGIAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE EEC HAVE ALSO STATED THEY WILL MAKE NORWEGIAN PARTICIPATION IN IEA A MAJOR ELECTION ISSUE IN 1977. ACCORDING RAVNE IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN, TO THESE VOTERS ADHERENCE TO THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM WHEN SWEDES AND JAPANESE HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL NEVER INTRODUCE MSP. STATOIL CHAIRMAN FINN LIE HAS ALSO MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR HIS UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT HOW MSP WILL BE APPLIED TO NORWEGIAN OIL. EMBASSY IS FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT GOVERNMENT, IF IT FINDS IT MUST TAKE ADHERENCE TO PARLIAMENT, WILL BE WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE FIGHT.  
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